

PARISH BULLETIN

WYONG CATHOLIC PARISH

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH & ST JOHN FISHER MASS CTR

Under the Pastoral Care of the
Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

VISION *The Wyong Catholic Parish is a welcoming, caring dynamic community*

MISSION STATEMENT *We will live and proclaim the message of the Gospel :
Engage, Participate, Reach out and Transform*



22ND NOVEMBER 2020

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YEAR A**

St Cecilia's Feast Day 22nd Nov.

Please come and join us at St Cecilia's Church on Monday 23rd Nov @ the 8am Mass to celebrate St Cecilia's Feast Day. Cecilia was martyred in the year 117. She is honoured as the Patron of religious music and is the **patroness saint of our Church here in Wyong**. Like any good Christian she sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the church's teaching that good music is an important part of the liturgy.
St Cecilia pray for us.

Please join us as we livestream Mass every Saturday at 5pm on Facebook. Please see the link below, don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

SUNDAY MASS 22 NOVEMBER 2020 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

We request for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MARK 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

REFLECTION 22ND NOVEMBER

When Jesus commends or criticizes people in this Sunday's Gospel parable, it is on the basis of actions of mercy done or not done in the simplest of circumstances. Both groups of people didn't recognize Jesus in the needy people but one group acted compassionately towards them. The other group just ignored them. We could be tempted to think that the first group were naturally kind as they didn't realise what they were doing. Not so, life isn't that easy and God's salvation isn't that unfair. No, those actions seemingly done almost spontaneously, without thought of salvation, only come after some time practicing virtue. We discipline ourselves to follow Christ, taking up our cross, consciously being kind, sacrificing our preferences for the sake of others so that, in the end, loving kindness comes so naturally that we don't even realise what we are doing. Having consciously practiced the steps of kindness and thoughtfulness, we can then spontaneously dance the mystery of love.

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SICK: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Cathryn Sharkey.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Philip Dwyer, George Mercieca

ANNIVERSARY NOVEMBER: Lourds Sur, Ron Mahoney, Eileen Preston, Geoff White, Agnes Myers, James Smith, Michael Bouchet, Jill Hill, Maxine Nell, Matthew Di Losa, Zenaida, Barry Austin, Donald King, Peggy Joyce, Joseph Costa,

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Best Wishes

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Robinson 1/11/1923 97 years
Kerrie Dederer 2/11/1953
Phil Bastick 7/11/1932
Paul Flynn
Enid Dwyer
Denis Brady 25/11/1943
Teresa Vella 11/11/1948
Gerry Martin 14/11

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Maree & Neville Travis
26/11/1966 54 years

WELCOME SEMINARIAN SHAYNE D'CUNHA

We are looking forward to welcoming Shayne whose placement will be in Wyong Parish for the next month. While Shayne is with us he will be staying with Fr Raul and Fr Alex and gaining the experience of priestly life and parish community.

Shayne D'Cunha is a retired Australian professional soccer player who most notably played as a defender for Western Sydney Wanderers in the A-League. Shayne was born in Mumbai and moved to Sydney, Australia with his parents in 2000 when he was four years old. Shayne started playing football at the local level at the age of five or six and soon choose it as his sport of preference.

Shayne was your typical lukewarm Catholic. He went to Mass on Sundays out of habit and only really prayed when he needed something, and confesses that Soccer was his religion. Until one day a friend of his was discerning and he began attending weekday Mass and Confession with him and that is when Shayne began to feel an overwhelming call to the priesthood.

In 2019 after careful discernment, Shayne applied to the Broken Bay Diocese to be accepted as a seminarian and consequently joined the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush to study for the Catholic priesthood.



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RETURN AND EARN

From when we started collecting recycled bottles in October 2019 **RETURN AND EARN HAS RAISED \$1372.60 TO DATE.**

100 CLUB

Thank you to everyone, who has supported the 100 Club we have had such a wonderful response. The total 150 numbers are now sold.

WEEK 1 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Mary Kerry no.146
- 2nd prize \$60 Monica O'Sullivan no.54
- 3rd Prize \$40 Noreen Bolten Wood no.116

WEEK 2 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Stephen Price no.117
- 2nd prize \$60 Helen Bath no.114
- 3rd Prize \$40 Marie Boden no.140

WEEK 3 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 David Crass no.25
- 2nd prize \$60 Pat Archer no.126
- 3rd Prize \$40 Christine Cause no.120

WEEK 4 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Helen McGuirk no.119
- 2nd prize \$60 Monica O'Sullivan no.54
- 3rd Prize \$40 Kay & Noel Nuir no.41

WEEK 5 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Trish & Doug Calder no.8
- 2nd prize \$60 Mary Louise McDarmont no.26
- 3rd Prize \$40 Kerrie Dederda no.118

WEEK 6 WINNERS

- 1st prize \$100 Noela Ahearn no.107
- 2nd prize \$60 Giselda&Tony Camenzuli no.74
- 3rd Prize \$40 Joshua Cesca no.31

WEEKS 7 – 9

- 1st prize \$100
- 2nd prize \$60
- 3rd Prize \$40

WEEK 10

- 1st Prize \$450
- 2nd Prize \$250
- 3rd Prize \$150
- 4th Prize \$50.

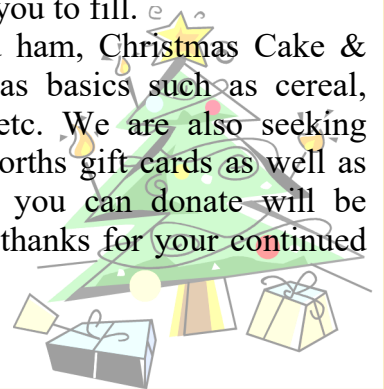
7th draw is Saturday 22st November after the 5pm Mass at St Cecilia's.

Good luck!

Help Needed St Cecilia's is desperately needing more volunteers for our Church cleaning roster. The upkeep of our Church is very important. You would only be required for 1 hour every 5 to 6 weeks. Could you please consider volunteering. Please call Barbara Fish on 4352 1293
Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Our Christmas appeal will be held over the next two weekends. Christmas hamper boxes will be located at the back of the Church for you to fill. Each hamper needs tinned ham, Christmas Cake & pudding, custard as well as basics such as cereal, biscuits, pasta & sauce etc. We are also seeking donations of Coles/Woolworths gift cards as well as cash donations. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.



Christmas Stall

ST JOHN FISHER

On the 28th/29th November at all Tumbi Masses,

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH

On the 5th/6th December at all Wyong Masses, Rae will be running a Christmas Stall.

All money raised will be going towards our Parish Charitable Works quota. There will be some wonderful Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

Mass of Inclusion - Sunday 6 December

The annual Mass of Inclusion will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 6 December 2020 at 11.00am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3 December) and recognises the ability and dignity of all.

This year, we encourage all to join via the live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf17i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person. Should you wish to enquire please contact Nicholas Weir at nicholas.weir@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 8379 1632.

Wyong Parish Christmas Picnic Dinner

Due to COVID we will need to cancel our Christmas Picnic Dinner as we can not have more than 30 persons participate in an outdoor public gathering.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

With limitations at Mass still in place, we kindly remind you that you **MUST RING** to book in your attendance for our **CHRISTMAS MASSES** at St Peter's College, St Cecilia's Church and St John Fisher.

Please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 to book your attendance.

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th Dec

St John Fisher

5.00pm Children's/family Mass
7.00pm Mass

St Peter's Catholic College

5.00pm Children's/family Mass

St Cecilia's Church

10.30pm Christmas Carols (listen and reflect)
11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Friday 25th Dec

7.30am St Cecilia's Church
8.30am St John Fisher
9.30am St Cecilia's Church

ADVENT

RECONCILIATION

1st Rite Reconciliation:
St John Fisher Mass Ctr

19th Dec Following 5pm

Mass and

20th Dec following 5pm

Mass

2nd Rite Reconciliation:
St Cecilia's Church

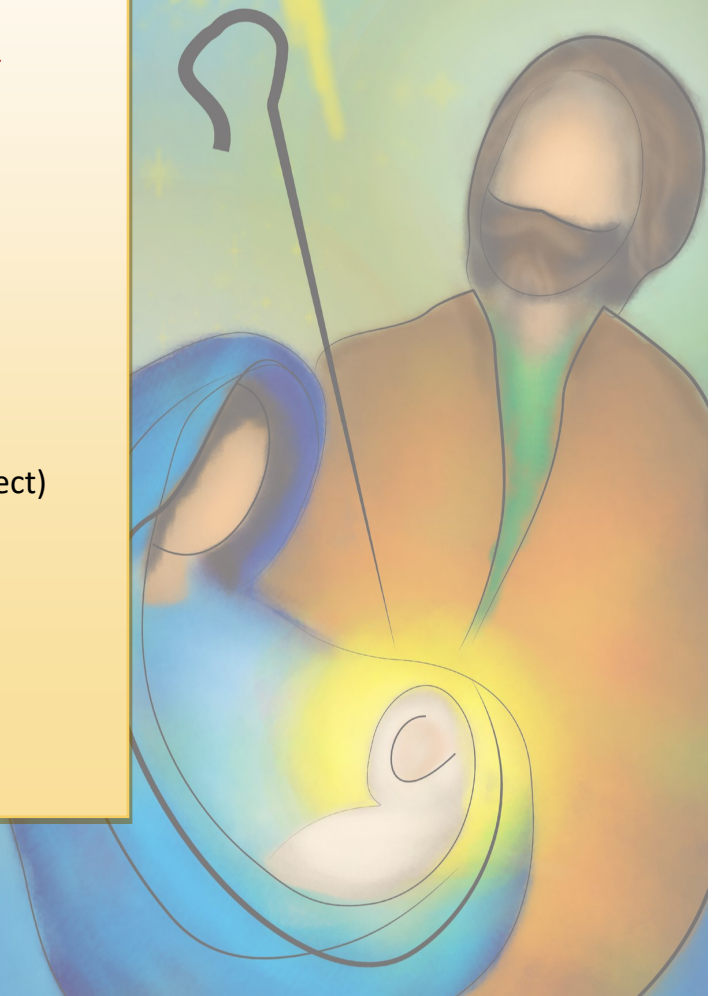
Wednesday 16th Dec 6pm

TRIDUUM MASS

St Cecilia's Church

21st, 22nd and 23rd

December 7pm



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week we hear from our other Plenary Council Delegate for Broken Bay, **Mr Raj Rajasingam**.

Raj is an active parishioner of the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby at which he exercises a range of ministries. He serves as the National Missions Director of Couples for Christ Australia. He has considerable national and international experience in programmes of Evangelisation and works extensively in lay formation throughout Australia. He also brings his rich multicultural experience to bear on the matters before the consideration of the Plenary Council.

The courage to share God's Word

This weekend is the anniversary of the turning point of my faith journey. 20 November happens to be my baptism and confirmation Day.

My parents, both teachers in Christian schools, were practising Hindus. My sister and I grew up attending temples and saying prayers at home. Though we attended the Christian school, no one approached us to talk about Christ or His love and mercy. Conversion was never mentioned.

It was my classmates in the Methodist high school, who were Anglicans and Methodists, who used to come to my house in the afternoons after school and share bible tracts with me. They would ask me questions and try to explain the Gospels to me.

In 1978, I arrived in Sydney to complete high school and met up with two other Malaysian Chinese Students, who were not Christians. I remember that on the first day of walking into the gates of the university, I was given a bible by Campus Crusade. The persistence of my classmates in Malaysia, who shared the Scriptures with me, instilled in me a hunger for God's word. I was faithful to reading the Scriptures every night for the next seven years, even if I got home after midnight!

Over time, I lost track of my two Malaysian Chinese friends. It was many years later that we were able to reconnect through the internet and discovered the path that God had led each of us. My sister invited me to a Pentecostal church and eventually I moved to the Anglican church where I was baptised and confirmed in 1988.

I was chosen by the Anglican church to go to Taize in 1989. I ended up spending eight months in Taize, being sent by the brothers to Scandinavia and Poland to speak to young people and adults, sharing my faith and what God had done in my life. It was during my stay in Taize, that I met my future wife, Roslyn, a Catholic. I was received into the Catholic Church, we married in 1991 and have been blessed with two boys.

As a husband and a father, I have continued my thirst for God's Word and take time each day to read scripture and spend time in prayer, and regularly attend retreats and teachings. I have always looked for opportunities to serve and share God's love in various ministries within the Church such as altar serving, ministry of the Word, social justice, ecumenical and interfaith events and the Vinnies Van.

In my involvement with Couples for Christ Australia, my passion is to encourage Catholic families to be grounded in God's love and mercy and having Him at the centre of their lives and to then share this with other families. We meet weekly to pray, discuss scripture and faith-related topics and fellowship with one another. I regularly give talks on prayer, scripture and evangelisation. There is a need to be courageous in sharing the Good News. You will never know when the grace of God or the Holy Spirit will guide and lead a person to Christ, but we must step out in faith. The courage of my Christian classmates to share God's Word led me to discover God's love for me. But it was up to me to cultivate my own courage and recognise the presence of God working through me.

As my life journey continues, I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide me to reach out to others who need to hear and experience God's love.

Raj Rajasingam

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

St Cecilia's Church has a **limitation of 45 people per Mass**, we kindly remind you that you **MUST** RING to book in your attendance for our WEEKEND MASSES.

To book your attendance for the Weekend Masses please text or call Jo on 0424 763 734 during office hours.

UPDATED MASS TIMES FROM 3RD/4TH OCTOBER 2020

ST CECILIA'S CHURCH MASS TIMES LIMITATION OF 45 PEOPLE PER MASS

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 7.30am and 9.30am**
- Weekday Mass times Monday to Saturday 8am

ST JOHN FISHER MASS TIMES LIMITATION OF 100 PEOPLE PER MASS

- **Saturday Vigil Masses 5pm** **Sunday Masses 8.30am and 5.00pm**
- Weekday Mass times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am and Tuesday, Friday 9.15am

Anointing Mass: We will not recommence Anointing Masses at this stage.

Group Meetings: We will not recommence group meeting at this stage.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING TO MASS THAT:

- If you have a temperature or a cold, please do not attend.
- You must sanitise your hands before entry into the church.
- **we requested for everyone to please wear a mask when they attend church for any Mass, religious service or prayer.**
- For Weekend/Weekday Masses you Must make sure you have your name and contact details recorded on the attendance sheet as you come into the church.
- Individuals (not families) are asked to respect the 1.5m distancing from each other obligation.
- Boxes for 1st and 2nd Collections are inside the church/mass ctr

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1st Collection (PRIESTS) The financial support for Fr Raul and Fr Alex comes solely from our Parish first collection and this goes towards their upkeep and living expenses. Our Parish Priests are not financially supported by the Diocese.

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